

HOUSE No. 121

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, petition of Bruce E. Tarr and Emile J. Goguen relative to the selection of presidential electors in the Commonwealth. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT REFORMING THE SELECTION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Striking out chapter 54, section 151 of the 2002 Official Edi-
2 tion of the General Laws, and inserting in place thereof the
3 following new section:—

4 At the biennial state election in each year in which presidential
5 electors are required to be elected, each political party shall select
6 a number of electors, for President and Vice-President of the
7 United States equal to the whole number of senators and represen-
8 tatives in congress to which the commonwealth is entitled. One
9 presidential elector shall be chosen from each congressional dis-
10 trict, and two presidential electors will be chosen at large. The
11 officers of the party shall certify the names of the electors to the
12 Secretary of State not later than the sixtieth day prior to the date
13 of the elections and in a form to be prescribed by him. Said Secre-
14 tary shall certify to all city and town clerks and election commis-
15 sioners the names of the electors designated for the office of
16 president and vice-president, the presidential electors at large
17 shall cast their ballots for the presidential and vice-presidential
18 candidates who received the largest number of votes in the com-
19 monwealth. The presidential electors of each congressional dis-
20 trict shall cast their ballots for the presidential and
21 vice-presidential candidates who received the largest number of
22 votes in their respective congressional district.